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Legislation Text

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SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Polish Highlanders Alliance of America was founded in Chicago in 1929 to organize Polish highlanders spread throughout the United States and Canada, into a single, cohesive highlander family, while promoting their love for the Highlander dialect, literature, and Podhalan art; and

WHEREAS, the Polish Highlanders Alliance focuses on uniting persons connected with Southern Poland, including Podhale, Orawa, Pieniny and Spisz; and

WHEREAS, the Polish Highlanders Alliance was founded by Karol Stach, Antoni Zygmuntowicz, Franciszek Cyrwus, Stanislaw Tatar, Stanislaw Bachleda, Anna Topor, and Henryk Lokanski; and

WHEREAS, the Polish Highlanders Alliance has helped churches, schools, charity organizations, and young people by sharing love their love of their homeland and tradition; and

WHEREAS, the Polish Highlanders headquarters, known as the "Highlander Home," is located in the 14th Ward along Archer Avenue on the Southwest Side; and

WHEREAS, the Polish Highlanders Alliance has lasted continuously for 87 years and consists of 86 chapters, including more than 3,000 members; and

WHEREAS, the Polish Highlanders Alliance has its own radio station, WPNA 1490, and publishes quarterly periodicals to inform the public about current organizational issues; and

WHEREAS, the Polish Highlanders Alliance has perpetuated its love for Poland by designating a part of Archer Avenue with the honorary name "Gorale Podhalanscy Way"; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to an ordinance heretofore passed by the City Council which allows for the erection of honorary street-name signs, the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation shall take all necessary action for the standardization of South Archer Avenue, between South Hamlin and South Lawndale as " Gorale Podhalanscy Way."

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication.

Map of Proposed Signage

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Institutional Biography

The Polish Highlanders Alliance of America is a national organization headquartered in Chicago, whose purpose is the continual unity of the peoples of Southern Poland. The organization was founded in November of 1928. Since that time, the Alliance has opened more

than 86 small organizations and operated continually for 87 years.

In addition to the preservation and promotion of Highlander culture, the Alliance has operated its very own radio station, WPNA 1490, for over 30 years. In this way the linguistic heritage of the peoples of Southern Poland is promoted and shared, sometimes for the very first time, with new generations in the United States.

Reason for Honoring

The Polish Highlanders Alliance of America is an inseparable part of the cultural fabric of Chicago. Its existence is a testament to the words of John F. Kennedy, that the U.S. is and remains "a nation of immigrants."